

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

35 USC § 102(b)

Previously amended claims 16-21 were not entered as the amendment would have required a new search. *The applicant respectfully disagrees, but canceled claims 16-21* to advance the present matter to allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

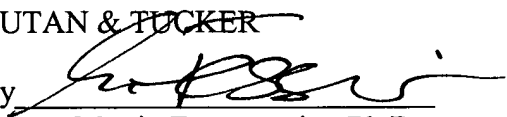
The *Examiner previously allowed claims 1-9 and 11-15*. The applicant agrees and *claims 1-9 and 11-15 remain unchanged*.

The applicant believes that the present claim amendments are sufficient to overcome the Examiner's concerns and believes that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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